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The 357th AA Service Unit (sic) is under the direct command of Army Headquarters of the Ministry of Defense of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. It has a strength equivalent to one infantry battalion and is equipped with two German-made anti-aircraft guns, two Japanese-made anti-aircraft guns, and nine anti-aircraft machine guns. This unit was formerly stationed in the Cao Bang area where, in late April 1951, it shot down a French plane which was carrying the French Air Commander, General Hartermann. It was transferred to the hilly regions of Tuyen Quang Province in mid-October 1951, and has now assumed defense duties between Thai Nguyen and Tuyen Quang.

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